

MINUTES
BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (MAC)

Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 7:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Gary Grossich

3. ROLL CALL OF MAC MEMBERS:

Gregory Ware - Present

Betty Gosney - Absent

Jackie Cox - Present

Israel Fuentes - Present

Eric Scott, Alternate - Absent

4. DIGNITARIES ATTENDANCE:

Rafael Trujillo – Representative, Office of Senator Norma Torres

Jasmin Hall – Director, Inland Empire Utilities Agency

5. ACTION ITEMS:

None

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the February 4, 2014 meeting were approved.

7. GOVERNMENT STAFF REPORTS:

CHP – Not present

Sheriff's Department – Sgt. Silva reported on an upcoming operation to address the illegal car sales occurring on Valley Blvd. He also reported that the increase in graffiti is coming from gangs outside of the area. He also reported that 3 more deputies will be added to the Fontana Station.

Special Districts – Not present

County Fire Department – Capt. Filter reported on service calls for the month of February and that there was a slight decrease in the number of calls from the month of January.

Supervisor Gonzales' Office – Laura Orozco spoke about the VITA program where individuals or families who earned less than \$52,000 could have their taxes prepared for free at various Transitional Assistance Departments throughout the County.

8. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

K9 Demonstration – Corporal Nessel and Officer Phillips from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department brought their partners, Ozzy a drug sniffing dog and JoJo a bomb detection dog and talked about their abilities and provided information on how they are used. They reported on the different types of drugs that Ozzy can detect and how besides bomb detection, JoJo is also used as a tracking dog to locate suspects. Corporal Nessel gave a demonstration on how Ozzy can detect drugs by placing 4 backpacks in the room with one containing the scent of drugs in it and had Ozzy find the correct one.

9. DISCUSSION ITEM:

Code Enforcement – Maria Gonzales, San Bernardino County Code Enforcement Officer

Maria spoke about what the schedules of the officers are and how Code Enforcement (CE) only works in the unincorporated areas of the county. She also spoke about the number of garage/yard sales that are allowed and how the smartphone app (SBCode) for CE works. The MAC expressed a deep desire to have CE officers work on the weekends because that is when most of the violations are occurring in Bloomington and because CE Supervisor, Ignacio Nunez was unable to make it to the meeting to answer more specific questions, Jackie Cox and Gary Grossich volunteered to be on an ad hoc committee to discuss problems with CE.

10. COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Mark Raubolt – (Bloomington Little League) announced an all you can eat pancake breakfast on April 5th at 7 am and Opening Ceremonies will begin at 10:30 am at Kessler Park.

Yamilet Lario – (Mental Health Systems) talked about the Bloomington Community Coalition that meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month at Ayala Park from 6-7 pm. At the meeting they will discuss how to help reduce underage drinking in the community and also passed out a flyer on the proper way to dispose of prescription medicines.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rafael Trujillo (Representative, Sen. Torres' Office) – Rafael spoke about an upcoming event with Senator Torres where she will discuss state issues. The event will be on Thursday, March 13th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at Ayala Park.

Dave Jayne – (San Bernardino Valley Riders) spoke about an upcoming show at Kessler Park on April 27th.

12. MAC MEMBER COMMENT:

Israel Fuentes – spoke about anyone who is interested in becoming a C.O.P. or Explorer to see either, Sgt. Silva, Dave Jayne or himself.

Gary Grossich – spoke about a Facilities meeting at CJUSD where they discussed the possibility of charging groups who use CJUSD school facilities to include their fields and that code enforcement is a big issue that needs to be tackled.

Jackie Cox – wanted everyone to know that they (the MAC) listen to what the residents report and that the widening on Slover Ave is looking beautiful.

Greg Ware – spoke about earthquakes and the need to be prepared and apologized that due to the Brown Act, they are not able to respond to questions that are asked during public comment.

Laura Orozco – thanked Dave Jayne for coordinating the K9 demonstration. She also talked about the need to give back to the community and let everyone know that if they have an event going on in the community, to let her know and we can help promote it for them.

13. ADJOURN MEETING:

Greg Ware adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

NEXT MEETING

April 1, 2014 at 7:00 pm